

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-04-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 22, 2002
Business Meeting: April 23, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2001.10.144 – MPC/NWE Default Supply Portfolio – Placeholder to address issues as they arise. (4/23/02)
2. D2001.12.174 & D2001.12.175 – Firelight Meadows –Water, Waste Water - Establish Interim Initial Rates. (4/23/02)
3. N2002.4.44 – Qwest – Qwest's Filing of Tariff to Implement it's "Competitive Response Tariff" - Discuss and Act on Qwest's Filing. (4/23/02)
4. D2002.1.3 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative – Arbitration of Interconnection Issues between Mid-Rivers and Western Wireless – Discuss Upcoming Arbitration Proceeding. (4/23/02)

5. D2002.2.14 & D2002.2.22 – Qwest – Plan for Implementation of a Local Carrier Freeze Program – Discuss and Act on Staff Recommendations. (4/23/02)
6. Comments on 10th Circuit Remand – Placeholder Work Session in the Case of Staff Recommends Filling Reply Comments with the FCC (4/24/02 10:00 a.m.)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communication Docket N2002.4.39 Scott)

On March 28, 2002, Qwest filed tariff transmittal. 02-07 proposing a new package service for residence customers called Popular Choice. Residential customers subscribing to the Popular Choice package are entitled to select any number of the following services/features and are entitled to unlimited use of those services/features: Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Forwarding, Call rejection, Call Waiting or Call Waiting ID, Caller ID-Name & Number, Continuous Redial, Easy Access (*98), Last Call Return, Long Distance Alert, Message Waiting Indication –Audible, or Message Waiting Indication-Audible/Visual, Non-listed Service Listing, Security Screen, Talking Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling U S WEST Receptionist-Name & Number, and Voice Messaging Service. The package also includes an individual flat-rate residence line (1FR) or an additional flat-rate residence line. The package will sell for \$34.95 per month including the features and the line.

2. QWEST, Docket N2002.4.40 (Dave B)

On March 28, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-08, requesting a promotion for residential customers called Residence Product Save Offer Promotion. Residence customers who request to have one or more products disconnected, and after being informed of the product's benefits,

may be offered a one time product discount in the form of a credit(s) to their bill. The products included are; Custom Choice, Additional Lines with one or more product features, Caller ID and Call Waiting. The requirement of an earlier promotion which required the customer to retain the product for six months to get the credit has been removed. Discounts range from \$5.00 to \$45.00. Qwest is requesting that this promotion run from April 29, 2002 through July 27, 2002.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest, Docket N2002.4.44 (Dave B)

On April 10, 2002 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 02-09 to implement the tariffs for "Competitive Response" as approved in Final Order No. 6250b from Docket D2000.2.21. Qwest was unable to file the tariffs earlier because of the inability to be able to track the Competitive Response as required in the order. The proposed tariffs are exactly as approved in Order No. 6250b, plus they include the tracking requirement and the sunset provision. Order No. 6250b provided for an effective date of April 23, 2001 and for a period of one year, Qwest is requesting that a new effective date be used of May 6, 2002 for a period of one year with a sunset date of May 5, 2003.

2. Qwest Communication Docket N2002.4.45 (Scott)

On APRIL 10, 2002, Qwest Communication filed tariff transmittal 02-10. In this filing Qwest is requesting a promotion for Market Expansion Line (MEL) service. During the promotion new or existing business customers who purchase MEL will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge to

install the service. The promotion will be available to new or existing business customers who subscribe to the service on new, change or transfer orders. Orders must be placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date beyond the end of the promotional period. The promotion will be offered to business customer only where service is technically available. This promotion is scheduled to run from May 13, 2002 through June 29, 2002.

3. Qwest Communication Docket N2002.4.46 (Scott)

On APRIL 10, 2002, Qwest Communication filed tariff transmittal 02-11. In this filing Qwest is requesting revised Exchange and Network Service tariff pages for changes to for Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), and Uniform Access Solution (UAS). The purpose of this filing is to 1) introduce new bundled 3 and 5 year contract pricing option for Advanced Digital Switched Service(DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), and Uniform Access Solution (UAS). 2) Introduce the standard discount of 50 percent and 100 percent for non-recurring charges for Uniform Access Solution comparable to those offered with discounted DSS and ISDN PRS. 3) introduce discounts for customers migrating from Analog PBX Trunks to Digital Switched Service or Uniform Access Solution as follows: 3 year Rate Stability Plan: Waive Non-Recurring Charges and 5 to 10 year rate stability plan: waive monthly recurring charges for 1 month.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-04-30

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2002.4.41 – MDU - Gas Tracker

D2002.4.42 – Energy West – Propane Tracker

D2002.4.43 – Energy West – Gas Tracker

N2002.4.44 – Qwest -TT 02-09 Compliance Filing Implement “Competitive Response Tariff”

N2002.4.45 – Qwest - TT 02-10 Market Line Expansion

N2002.4.46 – Qwest - TT 02-11 DSS ISDN PRS UAS Change